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## Thailand

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### Preventing the Disruption of U.S. Turkey Meat Exports to Thailand

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**Report Highlights:**

Post prevents the disruption of U.S. turkey meat exports to Thailand, valued at about \$1.2 million per year.

Shortly after the Thai Department of Livestock (DLD) strengthened requirements for audits of production systems involving livestock and uncooked meat products from exporting countries, several Thai importers reported to FAS/Bangkok that the DLD refused to grant import permits for shipment of U.S. turkey meat to Thailand. In response, Post quickly conducted discussions and successfully persuaded DLD officials to grant “grandfather” status to Thai companies that imported turkey meat from U.S. manufacturers already exporting to Thailand. The grandfather rule enables businesses to keep exporting until DLD completes its audits. The successful negotiations prevented the disruption of U.S. turkey meat exports to Thailand, valued at about \$1.2 million per annum (see table below).

The Thai Government plans to conduct audits of the U.S. meat production system (for U.S. turkey meat and beef) in early 2013.

Thailand Import Statistics							
Commodity: Turkey Meat,							
Year To Date: January - December							
Partner Country	United States Dollars			% Share			% Change 2011/2010
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
World	564,970	471,826	1,151,064	100.00	100.00	100.00	143.96
United States	498,843	462,785	1,135,712	88.30	98.08	98.67	145.41
France	7,589	5,443	6,457	1.34	1.15	0.56	18.63
Spain	3,499	2,083	5,211	0.62	0.44	0.45	150.15
Belgium	0	1,515	2,383	0.00	0.32	0.21	57.32
Malaysia	0	0	1,302	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00
China	52,492	0	0	9.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Australia	2,546	0	0	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00

Source of Data: Thai Customs Department